



WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR GIRLS?

*An exploration of behavioural issues,
expectations, bullying and the
contemporary teen and tween mindset
in Australian schools.*

Wednesday 21st April, 2010.

Bardon Conference Centre - 390 Simpsons Rd, Bardon, Brisbane.
Session Time: 9.00am - 3.30pm. Seminar registration from 8.00am.

An inspirational one-day seminar for teachers, principals
and other professionals in primary and secondary education.
PD Hours: 6.5 hours

Featuring:

Maggie HAMILTON

Publisher, Teacher and Author of **WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR GIRLS?**

Dr Michael NAGEL

Head of Education Programs at The University of the Sunshine Coast
and Author of **IT'S A GIRL THING:
UNDERSTANDING THE DEVELOPING FEMALE BRAIN**

Evelyn FIELD

Practising Psychologist and Author of **BULLY BLOCKING**

Emily MAGUIRE

Social Commentator, Journalist and Author of
YOUR SKIRT'S TOO SHORT

Alice PUNG

Lawyer and Author of **UNPOLISHED GEM** and
GROWING UP ASIAN IN AUSTRALIA



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MAGGIE HAMILTON

Why are girls as young as five years old concerned about their looks and addicted to shopping? Why are girls binge-drinking so young, responding to chat-room predators, and bullying their peers via email and text messages? Why

are depression, cutting and eating disorders on the rise, and why, with so much choice, do so many just want to marry young and have babies?

Writer, teacher and publisher Maggie Hamilton answers these questions and more in her keynote address based on her best-selling research piece *What's Happening to Our Girls?*

For over two years Maggie has interviewed girls, teachers, school counsellors, psychologists, and law enforcement and medical personnel to get an insider's view on what girls are presently experiencing from birth through to their teenage years. The result is a book at once informed, compassionate and shocking and is for teachers, parents and all those who want to better understand and support girls.

EVELYN FIELD



Evelyn Field is one of Australia's leading authorities on Bullying. Her first book *Bully Busting*, a self-help book for parents, children and educators sold over 22,000 copies has been translated into Italian, Croatian and Arabic. She has worked closely with the National Coalition Against Bullying and the Mental Health Foundation of Victoria and is a media spokesperson for the Australian Psychological Society.

Evelyn will present the afternoon keynote on *Girls and Bullying*. She will look at the indirect methods such as verbal, emotional and social bullying that female bullies prefer, and help educators identify the signs of devaluing and isolation that are less obvious but just as harmful as physical bullying.

DR MICHAEL NAGEL



Are you aware that neuroscientists continue to uncover a range of anatomical, chemical and functional differences between the brains of boys and girls? What might you do differently if you were armed with an understanding of the neurological differences between boys and girls and how this might impact on behaviour and learning?

Dr Nagel is an educator, behaviour specialist, researcher, author, mentor and parent and will present his address *Sugar and Spice and All Things Nice: Just what are little girls brains made of?* He is currently the Head of Education Programs at the University of the Sunshine Coast where he researches and teaches across various areas including adolescent development, cognition and learning, human development and early learning and neurological development in children.

Dr Nagel's insights linking neurology, parenting and education have been highly acclaimed by parents and teachers alike and he has won several awards for linking neuroscience with the every day realities of raising and working with children. Mike is also a feature writer for the *Child* series of magazines which offer parenting advice to more than one million Australian readers.

ALICE PUNG



Alice Pung is a Melbourne-based writer and lawyer who has received enormous critical acclaim for her writing. Her debut novel *Unpolished Gem* was shortlisted for several awards including the Victorian and New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards and *The Age* Book of the Year 2007. *Unpolished Gem* combines the story of Pung's life growing up in Melbourne's Western suburbs with the inherited stories of the women in her family. Original and brave, Alice's own story captures the experience of Asian immigrants to Australia and celebrates women of all ages and cultures.

EMILY MAGUIRE



Emily Maguire is an author of international bestselling and critically acclaimed fiction.

As a social commentator, Emily's articles and essays on sex, religion, culture and literature have been published widely including in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Griffith Review*, *The Financial Review*, *The Observer* and *The Age*.

Emily's first non-fiction book is *Princesses and Pornstars: Sex, Power, Identity*, an unashamed call-to-arms for young women to reject tired gender roles, fight for public equality. The young adult edition will be released in April 2010 and is titled *Your Skirt's Too Short*.

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An individual email address is **required** for **each** participant to confirm registration. A tax invoice for \$209.00 (includes \$19.00 GST) will be emailed to each participant as soon as their registration is processed. For registrations of more than 3 participants, please use multiple forms. Morning tea and lunch provided.



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